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**MINUTES OF THE
EXAMINATION COMMITTEE MEETING
May 18, 2001
9:00 AM**

**2535 Capitol Oaks Drive, Suite 300A
Sacramento, CA 95833**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

John Williams, Ph.D., Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

2. ROLL CALL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM

John Williams, Ph.D., Chair
Laura Cathcart
Victor Cherven, Ph.D.
Seena N. Hoose
Rebecca Sterbentz
Ernest Weber

Absent:
Scott Hector
Karen Melikian

Others in attendance:
Paul Sweeney, Executive Officer
Mary Lynn Ferreira, Associate Governmental Program Analyst

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 16, 2001

Mr. Weber moved to approve the minutes of the open session of the

meeting of February 16, 2001.

Ms. Cathcart seconded.

**The motion passed by majority. (Aye – Cathcart, Weber, Williams.
Abstain – Sterbentz)**

**Mr. Weber moved to approve the minutes of the closed session of the
meeting of February 16, 2001.**

Ms. Cathcart seconded.

**The motion passed by majority. (Aye – Cathcart, Weber, Williams.
Abstain – Sterbentz)**

5. REPORT ON APRIL 20, 2001, BOARD MEETING

The Committee received copies of draft minutes of the April 20, 2001, Board meeting.

Mr. Sweeney reported that the Board considered elimination of the California-Specific Examination as a requirement for licensure as a Registered Geologist. The Board took no action on the matter and will reconsider it at a future date.

6. REPORT ON CALIFORNIA-SPECIFIC ITEM-WRITING WORKSHOPS

The Committee received a memorandum, dated April 3, 2001, from Tracy A. Ferrell, Ph.D., Examination Program Manager, Department of Consumer Affairs, Office of Examination Resources (OER), regarding the California-Specific Examination development. Mr. Sweeney reported that examination development workshops were held on January 18 and 19, 2001, and February 21, 2001, which resulted in 63 items.

7. REPORT ON STATUS OF REGISTERED GEOPHYSICIST OCCUPATIONAL ANALYSIS FOCUS GROUP

The Committee received a memorandum, dated April 3, 2001, from Tracy A. Ferrell, Ph.D., Examination Program Manager, OER, regarding the Registered Geophysicist Occupational Analysis. Mr. Sweeney reported that OER proposes to begin this project in July 2001.

8. REPORT ON SPRING 2001 EXAMINATIONS

The Committee reviewed attendance and performance statistics for the spring

2001 examinations.

9. REPORT ON STATUS OF AMENDMENTS TO SECTIONS 3005 (EXAMINATION FEES)

Mr. Sweeney reported that a notice of availability of modified text on section 3005 regarding examination fees was issued on May 8, 2001. The comment period ends on May 29, 2001. He stated that the amendments should be in effect by the next Examination Committee meeting on August 10, 2001.

10. REPORT ON STATUS OF ON-DEMAND TESTING

Mr. Sweeney reported that he currently is completing a cost benefit analysis to implement the contract with Experior for on-demand testing of the California-Specific Examination. He anticipates submitting the contract to the Department of General Services by June 30, 2001. The effective date will be six months after execution of the contract.

Mr. Sweeney and Dr. Williams will draft proposed regulations necessary to implement the on-demand testing for consideration by the Board at its July 20, 2001, meeting.

11. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD ON THE BOARD'S COMITY AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF IDAHO

The Committee considered the necessity for the Board's comity agreement with the State of Idaho now that Idaho is converting to the ASBOG examinations.

Mr. Weber moved to recommend to the Board that it rescind its comity agreement with the State of Idaho.

Ms. Sterbentz seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

12. REPORT ON NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE BOARDS OF GEOLOGY EXAMINATION WORKSHOP

Dr. Williams reported that Robert Tepel and he represented the Board at the ASBOG Examination Workshop in April 2001 in Memphis, Tennessee. They established the criterion-referenced pass points and devoted significant time to developing, writing and improving questions.

The ASBOG Annual Meeting will be held in October 2001 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Williams adjourned the meeting to closed session to consider examination matters as authorized by section 11126(c) of the Government Code.

The open meeting resumed.

18. REPORT ON RESULTS OF CLOSED SESSION

Dr. Williams announced that during closed session, the Committee reviewed the fall 2001 examinations, considered graders' comments regarding the spring 2001 examination and reviewed Certified Engineering Geologist and California-specific questions developed at item-writing workshops.

19. ESTABLISH AGENDA FOR NEXT EXAMINATION COMMITTEE MEETING AND HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS

At the August 10, 2001, meeting, the Committee will perform the final review of the fall 2001 examinations, review the summary sheets and answer keys for the fall 2001 examinations, continue review of the California-Specific Examination questions developed at the item-writing workshops, perform the initial review of the spring 2002 examinations.

20. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Williams adjourned the meeting at 2:45 PM.

JOHN WILLIAMS, Ph.D., Chair

PAUL SWEENEY, Executive Officer

Date Approved: August 10, 2001